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E-MAIL TO: Microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov VIA FACSIMILE COPY TO: (202) 307-1454 or (202) 616-9937 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS MAIL TO:

The Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotally U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

c/o Renata B. Hesse Antitrust Division U.S. Department of Justice 601 D Street NW, Suite 1200 Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally:

I write because of some concerns I have about the proposed Microsoft settlement.

While I am not advocating that Microsoft be broken-up into parts as an appropriate remedy for its antitrust violations, I am concerned that the proposed settlement will not accomplish what it is intended to do, e.g. create a competitive market place, benefit consumers, and rectify past conduct.

I am informed that the proposed settlement is too lenient on Microsoft and may place to much discretion in Microsoft's hands in whether and how to comply with the agreement. Such an agreement will not create of competitive market place or be of long-term benefit to consumers.

I would be more comfortable if the court were to conduct hearings during which the parties in interest can voice their concerns and offer evidence and legal precedence. The court can then impose an appropriate remedy that will ensure compliance into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Steve Hallmark

cc: The Honorable Mark Shurtleff, Utah Attorney General

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